

**321—25.29(231C) Medications.**

**25.29(1)** Each program shall follow a written medication policy that includes the following:

- a.* Tenants shall self-administer medications unless:
  - (1) The prescription states that the tenant is not to self-administer the medication; or
  - (2) The tenant or the tenant's legal representative delegates administration of the medication to the program in the occupancy agreement or signed service plan. The program shall not prohibit a tenant from self-administering medications.
- b.* Tenants shall keep their own medications in their possession unless:
  - (1) The prescription states that the medication is to be stored by the program; or
  - (2) The tenant or the tenant's legal representative, if applicable, delegates partial or complete control of medications to the program in the occupancy agreement or signed service plan.
- c.* The program shall list in the tenant's record any medications to be stored or administered by the program.
- d.* When partial or complete control of medication is delegated to the program by the tenant, appropriate staff may transfer medications from the original prescription containers into medication reminder boxes or medication cups in the tenant's presence.

**25.29(2)** When medications are administered or stored by the program, the following requirements shall apply:

- a.* The administration of medications shall be provided by an Iowa-licensed registered nurse or advanced registered nurse practitioner registered in Iowa or the authorized agent in accordance with 655—subrule 6.2(5) and 655—subrule 6.3(1) and Iowa Code chapter 155A.
- b.* The program shall document any medication the program has agreed to administer or store.
- c.* Medication shall be kept in a locked place or container that is not accessible to persons other than employees responsible for the administration or storage of such medications.
- d.* The medications shall be labeled and maintained in compliance with label instructions and state and federal laws.
- e.* No person other than the dispensing pharmacist shall alter a prescription label.
- f.* Each tenant's medication shall be stored in its originally received container.
- g.* When partial or complete control of medication is delegated to the program by the tenant, appropriate staff may transfer medications from the original prescription containers into medication reminder boxes or medication cups in the tenant's presence.
- h.* Each program shall follow written policies and procedures for narcotic medications in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 155A.